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SUBJECT: PRC: "WILL DO WHAT IT CAN" FOR SOMALIA

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1. (SBU) Poloff conveyed August 4 to MFA African Department East Africa Desk Officer Zheng Minjuan reftel points requesting that China contribute additional support to Somalia in light of the recent agreement signed between the Transitional Federal Government (TFG) and PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC). Zheng told PolOff that China was very concerned about the humanitarian situation in Somalia and would do "what it could" to provide additional aid. Econoff also delivered reftel points August 4 to Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM) Department of Aid to Foreign Countries official Wang Li. Wang said he would convey the request to his superiors and provide updated information as it became available.
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